



## Hearing Transcript

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Okay, it is 1145

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and the hearing is now resumed.

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Could I just check with the case team that the

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live recording is working properly?

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00:00:16.965 --> 00:00:20.855

Yeah. Thank you. Okay, so, uh, next

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up I think is, uh, Mr. Simon Skelton.

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00:00:25.715 --> 00:00:30.535

Uh, could we hear from you, please? Uh, good morning.

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Morning,

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Uh, Mr. Simon Skelton.

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I'm a retired Power Station engineer of 37 years.

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Uh, I have just a few points I'd like to make.

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The Till Bridge Solar Project is in fact one of five

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nip solar proposals that fall within a six mile radius

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and would remove around 13,000 acres

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00:01:03.895 --> 00:01:08.835  
of Croppable farmland in the uk.

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00:01:08.935 --> 00:01:12.835  
The average yield from solar generation is around 10%

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00:01:12.835 --> 00:01:14.075  
of its rated capacity.

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And according to the Digestive UK energy statistics,

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00:01:19.435 --> 00:01:23.535  
the average output from a 500 megawatt solar farm is

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therefore only 50 megawatts

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and will generate annually less than half a terawatt hour.

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00:01:34.125 --> 00:01:36.385  
The current UK annual electricity band

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00:01:37.165 --> 00:01:40.105  
is more than 300 terawatt hours.

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00:01:42.175 --> 00:01:45.715  
Simple mathematics show that this would only offer a poultry

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0.14% contribution to our national needs

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00:01:53.195 --> 00:01:56.015  
and is arguably delivered at the wrong time of day.

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00:01:56.315 --> 00:01:59.855

And indeed year nationally, this is not

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00:02:00.455 --> 00:02:02.295

a significant amount of electricity.

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3000 plus acres of land lost

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to this disproportionate 0.14% energy contribution

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is not a fair trade off.

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Breaking this down further shows us that five acres

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of farmland will be lost to provide one megawatt

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of installed capacity

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or an average of just 100 kilowatts of generation.

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00:02:31.495 --> 00:02:34.705

This land would be much better used either growing food

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or nationally important biofuels that have the flexibility

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00:02:39.125 --> 00:02:40.905

to be used when and where required

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00:02:43.595 --> 00:02:45.205

land is needed for a multitude

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00:02:45.205 --> 00:02:46.845

of projects affecting net zero

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00:02:47.265 --> 00:02:49.565  
and the current Roche for low yielding,

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00:02:49.565 --> 00:02:51.925  
ground mounted solar must not be allowed

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00:02:51.945 --> 00:02:53.485  
to engulf all this land.

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00:02:56.365 --> 00:02:59.525  
Sensible and deficient land use is represented

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00:02:59.665 --> 00:03:02.285  
by the new size of lc nuclear Power Station.

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00:03:03.345 --> 00:03:06.725  
It will have a generation capacity of 3.2 gigawatts.

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00:03:07.835 --> 00:03:11.165  
This amounts to 7% of the UK's electricity need,

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00:03:11.625 --> 00:03:15.325  
and the site will cover just a couple of hundred acres.

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00:03:17.845 --> 00:03:20.745  
The energy produce would be reliable and consistent.

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00:03:22.465 --> 00:03:24.565  
In contrast, solar energy is intermittent

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00:03:24.745 --> 00:03:27.285  
and unreliable producing very little in winter

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00:03:27.475 --> 00:03:28.565  
when we need it the most.

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00:03:31.545 --> 00:03:35.445  
The UK could lose 600,000 acres of land to solar

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twice a size of greater Manchester.

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This represents 4% of the nation's croppable farmland.

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But ironically, we have 600,000 acres of

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or new used industrial rooftops in the uk, much

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of which is suitable for solar panels.

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The scheme connecting

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to the substation at cotton would only only provide

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3% of the former power station's generation capacity,

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but it would cover six times more land.

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00:04:13.345 --> 00:04:14.795

This is insanity.

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Under retrograde step,

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These solar farms are using all available grid connections

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that should be used for more useful

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and capable electricity generators.

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The woefully low power output

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00:04:32.785 --> 00:04:35.445

of solar will not help the electrification

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goals of our nation.

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00:04:37.355 --> 00:04:39.615

We will need many times more power

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capacity than we have today.

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00:04:42.195 --> 00:04:47.095

Not less. Electricity generation in the UK is responsible

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from a 20% of the national CO2 emissions.

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Therefore, carbon reductions

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by the BU solar project would be negligible due

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to the small amounts of electricity Purdue by the scheme

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and its long carbon payback period.

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This does not allow align

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with any climate emergency timeframes.

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The UK's annual carbon emissions of 400 million tons

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out of a global 35 billion tons,

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00:05:20.965 --> 00:05:22.865  
the carbon saving figures cleaned

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by these giant solar farms will become mere rounding up

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00:05:25.925 --> 00:05:27.745  
errors in these colossal numbers.

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Solar on farmland from an energy

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00:05:31.565 --> 00:05:34.945  
and net zero perspective has largely gone without scrutiny,

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00:05:35.285 --> 00:05:36.705  
but it's clearly flawed.

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00:05:37.935 --> 00:05:40.515  
The magnitude of land being given over to solar

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for such little in return is not in the

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nation's best interest.

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It is driven by years of unchallenged government lobbying

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00:05:49.335 --> 00:05:52.115  
and an ideology that will cause much national harm.

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00:05:53.765 --> 00:05:57.645  
Will anyone in a position speak out? Dare to do, do so?



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I very much doubt it.

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In the case of large scale solar on farmland,

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I think the foolish will continue to admire

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00:06:06.805 --> 00:06:08.065

the emperor's new clothes.

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00:06:09.355 --> 00:06:10.355

Thank you.

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00:06:18.395 --> 00:06:20.735

Um, are you able to provide that statement in,

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00:06:20.795 --> 00:06:22.255

in writing if possible?

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Yeah, definitely. Yeah. And thank you.

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And I'd reiterate that for anyone else who wants

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00:06:27.015 --> 00:06:30.295

to provide their statement in writing, you can do so.

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00:06:30.855 --> 00:06:33.415

Deadline one. Okay.

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00:06:39.265 --> 00:06:42.405

So, uh, could I please hear from, uh, Mr. Moffitt?

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00:06:43.035 --> 00:06:43.325

Good

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00:06:48.125 --> 00:06:49.285

morning. Good

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00:06:49.325 --> 00:06:50.325

Morning.

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00:06:52.345 --> 00:06:55.135

Derek Moffitt, local resident.

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00:06:56.035 --> 00:06:59.815

Uh, I live on, um, the top of the Lincoln Ridge,

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so I have a, as do others who live up there,

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a panoramic view of all four of these.

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00:07:08.555 --> 00:07:08.775

Um,

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00:07:13.745 --> 00:07:17.955

There's been a lot of very good, very appropriate, um,

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00:07:18.555 --> 00:07:23.115

comments this morning, so I will not repeat a large

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amount of what's been said.

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Um, I think you might have had even more if the meeting

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hadn't been scheduled during the working

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day, which you're aware of.

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Um, one thing I would like

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to touch on is the expected life span of these

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60 years in these days of modern technology is,

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is a lifetime plus.

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It's, it's, uh, unrealistic and almost idiotic prediction.

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Um, the site might be used for something in 60 years,

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but it's very unlikely to be used for the current purpose.

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Um, I would like to remind the, uh,

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ea of a little bit of history about this.

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Um, in the 1970s, we discovered gas in the North Sea,

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00:08:13.185 --> 00:08:14.885

and that brought about the transition

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00:08:15.145 --> 00:08:17.285

of gradually closing the coal mines,

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closing the coal burners, and going for gas.

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And it was known colloquially at the time

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as the dash for gas.

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And it involved building gas power stations in one hell

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of a hurry, rather reminiscent of all this

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highly inefficient ones.

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Um, very, very quick to build no high tech at all.

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And these things still remain rusting in a field,

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00:08:44.285 --> 00:08:45.685

a killing home in linkage.

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They are fired up in case they're ever usable in an

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00:08:49.935 --> 00:08:51.495

emergency for a couple

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00:08:51.495 --> 00:08:54.095

of hours once a month, gently fired up.

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00:08:54.875 --> 00:08:59.245

Um, so 60 year lifespan, I think not.

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We've also got in West Burton, uh,

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00:09:02.085 --> 00:09:03.645

I'll at West Burton on the site there,

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the Atomic Energy Authority, who are doing some

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00:09:08.675 --> 00:09:12.565

cutting edge technology research into generating electricity

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00:09:12.825 --> 00:09:15.125

in the most perfect way possible with no waste,

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no smell, no noise, no nothing.

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Um, their prediction on that is perhaps 30 years away.

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00:09:22.945 --> 00:09:24.395

Many other countries are trying this.

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00:09:24.655 --> 00:09:26.395

So who knows the chances

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00:09:26.615 --> 00:09:29.395

of these things still being here in 60 years is a load of,

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00:09:29.615 --> 00:09:33.745

you know, um, so when it comes to

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00:09:33.805 --> 00:09:37.875

how you deal with the need

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00:09:37.895 --> 00:09:38.955

to remove them

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00:09:39.015 --> 00:09:42.355

and dismantle them, is, is the, is the dangerous point.

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00:09:42.935 --> 00:09:45.955

Um, if they fall into disuse, if there's no money for them

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and the owners are foreign,

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00:09:48.065 --> 00:09:49.835

there's a very great chance they're just going

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00:09:49.835 --> 00:09:51.115

to be left there as wrecks.

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00:09:54.875 --> 00:09:56.775

That's the end of my thoughts. Thank you, sir.

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00:09:58.715 --> 00:09:59.985

Thank you, Mr. Moffitt.

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Um, perhaps the applicant would like to address, uh,

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your representations in relation

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to decommissioning, uh, later on.

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00:10:12.985 --> 00:10:17.445

Okay. Um, could we please hear from, uh, Mr.

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00:10:17.785 --> 00:10:18.805

Rodney? May.

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00:10:25.235 --> 00:10:26.685

Good morning. Good morning.

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Shortsighted. Right. Uh, Dr.

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00:10:38.055 --> 00:10:41.615

Rodney May, local resident living in G Glenworth

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for over 30 years.

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As such, I'm an interested party.

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Uh, many objections,

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but I object to the proposed installation.

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My analysis indicates that such a development is not in my

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or the UK's national interest, uh,

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basis of my objection.

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Concern about industrialization

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for such a large rural landscape

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and its effect on health and lifestyle.

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Becoming aware and sharing national concern about any

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reduction in the UK's independence of food production.

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My detailed knowledge of the effectiveness

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of producing energy from solar panels in the West Lindsay

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District and my scale

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as a retired consultant engineer in performing assessments

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and lecturing in the UK internationally on critical systems,

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Right, studying the proposed in layman's terms,

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each individual solar panel installation is the size

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of a small bungalow, including its height.

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Imagine about seven square miles of bungalows packed cheek

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by Joel for just one of the proposed solar sites tillage

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from the B 1 3 9 8 Middle street north of g Glenworth.

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It would look like the industrialization

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00:12:10.105 --> 00:12:12.605

of all the land across the Gainsborough.

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00:12:13.735 --> 00:12:18.335

Horrendous importantly, no longer will my wife

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00:12:18.915 --> 00:12:21.335

and I, along with friends keep fit

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00:12:21.635 --> 00:12:24.575

and enjoy life by walking from our front door

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00:12:25.855 --> 00:12:27.155

on our normal roots.



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Another key concern looking forward is the elimination

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of such a large food source from

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00:12:35.155 --> 00:12:39.635

so much quality agricultural land in this troubled world.

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And with climate change, I understood the UK was striving

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for food independence.

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As far as practical, the totality

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of the local solar schemes will have a dramatic impact on

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contributing to achieving this objective.

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Importantly, see for work, see the, uh, the work

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by Sarah Bridle, professor of Food, climate

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and Society at York University,

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00:13:07.355 --> 00:13:10.495

and professor a Jones lead, author of a study

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00:13:11.195 --> 00:13:13.615

at the Director of Global Sustainability

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and Institute of Anglin Anglin Ruskin University.

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Importantly in this respect, I would judge the importance of

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food source from the records of local farmers, not

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by some arbitrary classification of the land

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made many decades ago.

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However, as a retired consultant engineer, my main concern

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is the energy produced will be at maximum when the demand

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00:13:50.755 --> 00:13:52.495

for it will be at its lowest.

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I say there's some personal experience.

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I have solar panels fitted on my roof

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examining my latest records.

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Um, my winter generation was only 18%

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of my summer generation.

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I would expect this to be a major factor

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in the decision making process.

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In particular, the need to couple solar generation

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with long-term energy storage for it to be viable.

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IE reservoirs up high.

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This all needs to be considered in the context

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of the solar farms proposed, uh,

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cotton on West Britain, et cetera.

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00:14:35.815 --> 00:14:39.235  
Uh, so this will significantly impact on food production

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and life in this area.

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Uh, so summarizing our judge return on the proposed

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investment is poor when considered in the context

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00:14:49.815 --> 00:14:53.205  
of when the energy will be produced against the loss

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of the valuable food source.

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Also, the negative impact on industrializing such a large

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rural landscape.

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I judge the money would be better spent

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to invest in the improved energy efficiency

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of individual houses, et cetera.

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Regarding this last point,

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I understand the UK housing in 2022 used 35%

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00:15:17.565 --> 00:15:19.085

of the energy produced in the uk.

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00:15:19.965 --> 00:15:22.105

So that's what we should be looking at.

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If the schemes go ahead

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as proposed at UK government level, I suspect they will.

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It strikes me as a TikTok approach,

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00:15:31.575 --> 00:15:32.975

and this is quite important actually.

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They got this target of meeting net zero by then,

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and they're doing it on the basis of, look, we can produce

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00:15:42.135 --> 00:15:46.345

so much green energy, they're missing an objective.

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Is it usable green energy?

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That should be in that objective.

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It's absolute stupidity for it not to be.

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That's me. Thank you.

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Thank you, Dr. Moffitt. May

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00:16:13.465 --> 00:16:18.275

Dr. May I do apologize.

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00:16:18.675 --> 00:16:22.635

I do apologize, Dr. May. Thank you.

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Uh, so I, Dr. May highlighted the importance

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of using local records from farmers in relation to

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00:16:36.635 --> 00:16:37.955

agricultural production.

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Um, I'd point out that

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we would know we would need to, well,

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00:16:45.785 --> 00:16:47.085  
we would encourage submission

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00:16:47.085 --> 00:16:48.725  
of evidence, uh, in that regard.

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00:16:49.305 --> 00:16:50.955  
Um, okay,

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00:16:53.105 --> 00:16:56.685  
so could I now hear from Mrs. May?

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00:16:58.355 --> 00:16:58.775  
Please?

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00:17:03.125 --> 00:17:03.665  
We could ask.

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00:17:04.435 --> 00:17:05.455  
Oh, right Ken.

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00:17:06.085 --> 00:17:09.965  
Yeah, yeah. Good afternoon.

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00:17:10.315 --> 00:17:14.015  
Good afternoon. I'm Nula May

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00:17:14.015 --> 00:17:15.935  
and I'm a resident of Kenworth.

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00:17:17.825 --> 00:17:21.065  
I strenuously object to the proposed

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00:17:21.165 --> 00:17:22.785  
to bridge solar farm development.

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The drawbacks with reliance on solar power

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00:17:25.885 --> 00:17:26.985  
are well documented.

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00:17:27.565 --> 00:17:29.105  
Energy is plentiful in summer.

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00:17:29.195 --> 00:17:30.705  
There is a dearth when it is most

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00:17:30.705 --> 00:17:31.865  
needed during winter months.

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00:17:32.605 --> 00:17:35.985  
The conclusion from that is that it is not fit for purpose.

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00:17:36.765 --> 00:17:38.105  
We should be concentrating on

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00:17:38.105 --> 00:17:40.705  
what we have in abundance rather than trying to make much

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00:17:40.725 --> 00:17:41.905  
of limited sunlight.

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00:17:42.535 --> 00:17:45.985  
Britain has the least number of sunlight hours in comparison

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00:17:46.055 --> 00:17:48.385  
with the rest of Europe as an island

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00:17:48.765 --> 00:17:51.245  
and natural resources, water wave

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00:17:51.305 --> 00:17:54.405  
and tidal power would be constantly available and long term.

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00:17:55.715 --> 00:17:58.115  
I understand the need to replace fossil fuel

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with green energy, which could include solar power from

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panels on domestic and commercial rooftops, such as

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that shown in a massive expansion in

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Germany in recent years.

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This would allow the general population

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to benefit from reduction in energy costs at source.

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Don't we learn from previous, from present experience

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00:18:19.475 --> 00:18:21.965

that our utilities in private hands are never going

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to reduce costs for the consumer?

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00:18:24.665 --> 00:18:27.045

As with the water companies, it would not long

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before debts were accrued

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and the consumer is asked to foot the bill,

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then we would ask where are the foreign investors long gone

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with the creamed off profits?



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The great benefit of rooftop panels would alleviate the

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necessity of depriving us of land producing crops to remove

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00:18:45.385 --> 00:18:47.485

so much good land from food production.

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00:18:47.755 --> 00:18:49.245

When the world is in turmoil,

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00:18:49.345 --> 00:18:51.605

is leaving us in a very vulnerable position.

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00:18:52.875 --> 00:18:55.245

Lincoln shear provides a substantial amount

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of produce precisely because the soil is good quality.

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00:18:59.685 --> 00:19:02.365

Classification of land involved in the till bridge scheme

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as three B and

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therefore regarded as substandard is ludicrous.

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This land has been farmed successfully for generations.

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The argument that the area involved only a is only a small

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percentage of the whole

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of farmed land does not address the fact

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that there are numerous such developments all abetting,

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creating a huge industrial environment.

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The developers have presented it in a clever guise

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as individual smaller packages.

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Aesthetically, the proposed development will be a

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disaster for this rural area.

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The panoramic view from the Lincolnshire woods in East

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across the Trent Valley to the Drb Hills on the far horizon

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gives a wonderful feeling of space.

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And an is an uplifting site.

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There is a patchwork

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of fields surrounding our villages which change color.

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With the seasons there would be no disguise

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00:19:57.715 --> 00:20:00.935

of the huge ugly panels from the escarpment.

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They will be very much a prominent part of the view.

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So who are the main beneficiaries of this proposed scheme?

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People in this area are very angry.

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That development is being proposed

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with no consideration given to local inhabitants.

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An area where pre presently there is little light

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or noise pollution would be completely transformed.

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It seems local land.

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Local landowners don't appreciate this quiet rural

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environment being complicit in its destruction.

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The driving force behind this proposed development has

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nothing to do with green, but greed.

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Thank you, Mrs. May,

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Um, perhaps the applicant could respond to your,

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in particular to your point about the effect of, um,

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the proposal on costs for the consumer.

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So I'd be interested in, in a response on that point later.

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Okay. Um, could we please hear from Victoria White?

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I've listened to the, um, speakers to date

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00:21:23.945 --> 00:21:27.285

and I've attended, um, other open hearings.

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Um, the people that have presented, uh, from a wealth

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00:21:32.385 --> 00:21:34.885

of backgrounds, disciplines,

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00:21:35.545 --> 00:21:38.765

and presented excellent comments

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and facts, which I fully

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endorse through the months.

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Um, I've listened to everything everybody's said

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00:21:50.325 --> 00:21:54.465

and I have not identified any positive points

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despite keeping an open mind other than for the developers.

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00:22:02.605 --> 00:22:05.415

I've got the new, the, the same numerous concerns,

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00:22:05.515 --> 00:22:07.775

and I don't want to repeat what we've already been through,

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00:22:08.835 --> 00:22:10.855

but those questions remain unanswered

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and we present these time after time

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and we do not get suitable answers back from the developers.

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There will be a huge negative impact

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on a very large concentrated area

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with many inhabitants and wildlife.

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And these projects, whilst you are examining in isolation,

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00:22:36.155 --> 00:22:39.565

they are part of a very concentrated area.

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And so everything impacts where it has borders.

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Um, so these, so these projects have already, some

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of have already been approved despite these negative, um,

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comments and facts not being addressed.

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And this is yet another application we are having

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to stand up to yet again.

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Um, so I'd just like to say in summary, uh,

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rather than repeating everything that everybody's been

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through, um, that I completely

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am against, uh, this application,

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Lincolnshire is a dual within the uk

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and it should not be cut up for the benefit of a few.

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And what benefits are we going to have?

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Please do not barriers us in these projects.

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Please do not impose a disaster on us.

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This is a displacement. It is in no way a solution.

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00:23:48.915 --> 00:23:50.615

And I urge you

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and sincerely hope you will be able to evaluate

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every aspect of this.

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There are many people I know who will have not understood

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00:24:01.405 --> 00:24:03.135

because the way this is presented,

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and not everybody's technical yet,

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it impacts everybody from the

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unborn all ages.

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Not just now, but well into the future.

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And I thank you for listening

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and hope that you can take, um, the wide view

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00:24:20.915 --> 00:24:21.975

of all disciplines.

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00:24:22.495 --> 00:24:25.175

I know you're a town planner and I know you're an engineer.

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00:24:25.635 --> 00:24:27.135

As I say, there's other disciplines

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and there's many, many facets to this.

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00:24:30.765 --> 00:24:31.765

Thank you.

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00:24:33.445 --> 00:24:34.975

Okay, thank you very much for your time.

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00:24:42.495 --> 00:24:45.355

So could I please hear from a Rosemary Burke?

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She may have left. She's not here. No. Okay.

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Um, could I please hear from James Caswell?

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00:25:01.715 --> 00:25:03.195

I want to speak together. Sorry. Did you?

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00:25:08.575 --> 00:25:09.225

Good afternoon.

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Uh, afternoon now. James Caswell, tenant farmer from

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spring for, and, um, first time we heard about this

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solar farm job for some people riding around the farm

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00:25:23.765 --> 00:25:25.585

in cars flying drones round.



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We went to see, uh, what we were doing that says, uh, ah,

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we're gonna have a solar farm here.

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We've got it written down, we've got it ringed on the map.

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We gonna have a solar farm here.

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And, uh, oh, we don't need your permission to be here.

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You know, we've got, uh, government's approval, we can get,

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00:25:42.715 --> 00:25:45.295

uh, compulsive purchase order out on you.

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And, uh, that's how I first learned about

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this solar farm job.

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And, uh, we kept asking them

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to notify us when they were coming round.

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We kept refusing in.

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Then later on they wanted to do the trenching,

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archeological digs.

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We wanted to dig our crops up.

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We said, uh, no, it's a year's work.

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You have to wait until we get crops off the field.

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And, uh, at the time they kept downing us

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and we kept putting it off until after harvest.

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00:26:21.165 --> 00:26:23.825

And then, uh, when they did come down

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00:26:23.825 --> 00:26:25.225

after harvest,

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00:26:25.855 --> 00:26:28.705

they said was gonna pay half the money upfront,

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00:26:29.605 --> 00:26:33.385

signed a contract saying I was gonna pay upfront.

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It was two months doing the digging

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00:26:36.485 --> 00:26:39.625

and we didn't receive a penny until a good four months

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after we'd finished with the digging.

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So we've proved I can't pay the bills on time.

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So if, if I can't maintain payments at this stage

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of affairs, how are we ever gonna keep up with payments

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when they're erecting all these panels when it costs nearly

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200,000 pounds an acre?

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00:27:03.305 --> 00:27:07.885

And then with compulsory purchase orders, we'll go

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around all the farms

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and they say to 'em, if you don't comply with us

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00:27:14.505 --> 00:27:15.965

and do what we request,

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00:27:16.385 --> 00:27:19.005

we can get a compulsory purchase order out on you.

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00:27:19.505 --> 00:27:22.725

And then you'll be getting a lot less compensation

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00:27:22.865 --> 00:27:26.825

and payment and basically try

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to bully everybody into agreeing with what we want.

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And there's no guarantee we're gonna pay rent.

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00:27:36.915 --> 00:27:39.795

I mean, if, if they refuse to pay the rent, what's owe

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00:27:40.215 --> 00:27:41.635

to new landlords

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or landowners, how are we ever gonna get the sold company

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00:27:45.695 --> 00:27:48.275

to a small claims court to get the money off them?

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00:27:49.025 --> 00:27:51.155

It's not like we the victim and ask them to leave.

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00:27:52.735 --> 00:27:57.085

Mr. Mr. Caswell, if I may, um, politic for interrupting,

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00:27:57.465 --> 00:28:01.555

um, representations relating to compensation

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00:28:02.335 --> 00:28:03.995

for compulsory acquisition of land

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or of an interest in a right over land, um, should be made

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00:28:08.515 --> 00:28:10.515

during the compulsory acquisition hearings.

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Um, I just wanted to make that clear.

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Right. Okay, Thank you.

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00:28:17.445 --> 00:28:22.055

And then with the, um, obviously with,

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00:28:22.405 --> 00:28:24.965

with the, um, production

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00:28:24.965 --> 00:28:28.765  
of farmland when they're taking it outta production,

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00:28:28.875 --> 00:28:32.365  
they've got to act down forests abroad

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00:28:33.405 --> 00:28:36.865  
to get the production to import the grain from

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00:28:38.155 --> 00:28:41.595  
countries abroad, which isn't really very green.

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And then there's the issue of crime.

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A lot of people what make a living following all the

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00:28:49.585 --> 00:28:53.785  
electric companies, round sign pinch for cables and,

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00:28:53.785 --> 00:28:56.745  
and the panels and everything, enjoying such a long

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00:28:57.355 --> 00:29:01.825  
scale project was going to be a, an awful lot of

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crime in, in the area

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with people making a living riding round all the villages,

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00:29:07.265 --> 00:29:08.785  
looking to see what we can bench.

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00:29:10.485 --> 00:29:14.545  
And uh, about 12 years ago was allowed what tide cutting,

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00:29:14.765 --> 00:29:18.505

uh, an electric cable when there was doing some cables over

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00:29:18.505 --> 00:29:20.465

the top of telegraph poles and he cut the cable

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00:29:20.885 --> 00:29:22.825

and they electrocuted him and he got killed.

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00:29:23.685 --> 00:29:28.105

So on a project this kind of scale, uh,

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00:29:28.625 --> 00:29:30.505

I mean they've got to budget in for health

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00:29:30.525 --> 00:29:33.745

and safety of how many people's gonna get killed,

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00:29:33.745 --> 00:29:35.665

cutting live cables, trying

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00:29:35.665 --> 00:29:39.425

to pinch 'em, if you see what I mean.

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00:29:39.775 --> 00:29:41.805

It's, uh, it's a big health

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00:29:41.825 --> 00:29:44.465

and safety thing with that really.

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00:29:45.525 --> 00:29:48.115

Um, and that's about it.

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00:29:50.075 --> 00:29:51.265

Thank you very much for your time.

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00:29:52.685 --> 00:29:57.655

Um, do you have any questions? I think

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Thank you sir. What we will

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00:30:06.645 --> 00:30:08.515  
be doing later is, uh, if we're requested

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00:30:08.515 --> 00:30:11.195  
by the people that affected by compulsory acquisitions,

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00:30:11.215 --> 00:30:13.155  
we will be holding a compulsory acquisition hearing.

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We are very interested in the impacts on the people

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00:30:15.475 --> 00:30:19.235  
that are having compulsory acquisition served upon them, uh,

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00:30:19.415 --> 00:30:21.515  
and potentially served upon them.

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00:30:21.815 --> 00:30:24.195  
And we would like to hear your views again there.

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00:30:24.295 --> 00:30:26.155  
And, but we'd also like to hear back from the applicant

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00:30:26.155 --> 00:30:29.555  
about the attempts, like I say, the first contact to, uh,

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00:30:29.555 --> 00:30:32.675  
people who are either registered title holders of the land

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00:30:32.675 --> 00:30:34.715  
or, or potential tenant farmers of the land.

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00:30:34.715 --> 00:30:36.075  
So we are interested hear that. Thank you.

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00:30:37.965 --> 00:30:40.635  
Thank you. Um, if we could now hear from Martin,

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00:30:41.175 --> 00:30:42.475

uh, Caswell, please.

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00:30:47.245 --> 00:30:47.975

Good afternoon.

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00:30:48.525 --> 00:30:49.575

Good afternoon, Mr Chairman.

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Gentlemen, uh, my name is Martin Caswell with James' father.

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We farm at Springs Up Grange. Um, it's a rented farm.

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The landlord of decided to go in for the solar scheme.

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So basically 80% of our farm

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will be gone, livelihood gone,

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00:31:11.565 --> 00:31:13.705

and we'll be left with a small acreage and,

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00:31:13.705 --> 00:31:15.025

and the farmhouse and buildings.

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00:31:16.165 --> 00:31:17.705

So if the project goes ahead,

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00:31:18.075 --> 00:31:19.675

which will end up living in the middle,

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00:31:19.905 --> 00:31:22.995

slap bang in the middle of a big solar projects surrounded

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by black panels.



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00:31:25.305 --> 00:31:27.685

Uh, the points I want to raise is specific to our farm

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00:31:27.705 --> 00:31:29.125

and not, not the general big picture.

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Now, I wanted to put panels in an ancient historic grass

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field to the south of the farm, close to where we live

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and put another arable field into greening,

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you know, the green projects.

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I suggested a swap round, put the panels on the arable field

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00:31:45.735 --> 00:31:48.555

and leave the historic ancient grass field

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00:31:48.615 --> 00:31:50.235

as it was 'cause it's already green.

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And that was agreed in emails which were sent to our agent.

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However, subsequent maps showed they put some

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of the panels back onto this grass field again.

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So they've gone back on the agreement.

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00:32:03.045 --> 00:32:05.215

This field, this grassfield wasn't trenched

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00:32:06.615 --> 00:32:08.195  
for the archeological surveyors,

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00:32:08.195 --> 00:32:09.475  
they weren't supposed to touch it.

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00:32:10.545 --> 00:32:14.665  
So I'll suggest that the Grassfield counts as the greening

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00:32:14.725 --> 00:32:17.305  
and not let them go back on their word

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00:32:17.305 --> 00:32:19.225  
and claw it back to put panels on it.

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00:32:19.225 --> 00:32:22.225  
Again, our agent sent the maps, I think to your,

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00:32:22.325 --> 00:32:24.475  
to the planning department,

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00:32:24.535 --> 00:32:26.795  
but we can send them again if, if you want them.

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00:32:27.655 --> 00:32:29.475  
Uh, El El Mills is our agent.

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00:32:31.005 --> 00:32:33.505  
Uh, but we found this is typical of Tilbury solo

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00:32:33.525 --> 00:32:35.145  
who just keep pushing for more and more.

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00:32:35.525 --> 00:32:38.625  
We found them extremely difficult to communicate with

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00:32:38.625 --> 00:32:42.245  
because there's Tilbury Solar, ACOM, WSP,

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00:32:42.745 --> 00:32:44.685  
and they just seem to pass stuff round

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00:32:45.225 --> 00:32:46.685  
and take a bit of a dismissive,

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00:32:47.645 --> 00:32:49.565  
arrogant attitude towards over were there on the ground.

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00:32:50.395 --> 00:32:52.375  
And I can give you two brief examples of that.

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00:32:53.385 --> 00:32:56.435  
They even tried to include the driveway to our private house

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00:32:56.435 --> 00:32:59.875  
where we live into their scheme for construction traffic.

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00:33:00.995 --> 00:33:03.335  
And it was extremely difficult, stressful,

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00:33:03.795 --> 00:33:05.655  
and frustrating to get through to them

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00:33:05.885 --> 00:33:08.895  
that they would not have access to the private driveway

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00:33:08.915 --> 00:33:10.655  
to our house for their construction traffic.

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00:33:12.015 --> 00:33:14.285  
About three months and three issues of maps later.

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00:33:15.025 --> 00:33:16.845  
We see they have at last excluded it.

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00:33:17.025 --> 00:33:19.605  
But again, there was no communication from them direct

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00:33:19.605 --> 00:33:21.525

to us to that effect.

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00:33:22.905 --> 00:33:26.075

Another example with the trenching that James mentioned,

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they do the archeological digs on 300 acres.

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They dig a trench on every acre,

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00:33:30.995 --> 00:33:32.555

so they dig the farm off from one end to the other.

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00:33:33.785 --> 00:33:37.525

And the agreed timetable was not stuck to, for the payment,

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00:33:37.585 --> 00:33:39.965

for compensation for crop and, and soil damage.

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00:33:40.785 --> 00:33:41.845

And it took many emails

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00:33:42.385 --> 00:33:44.365

and phone calls from our agent to get the payment

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00:33:44.365 --> 00:33:46.265

through four months late.

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00:33:46.805 --> 00:33:48.945

So that does raise questions in my mind as

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00:33:48.945 --> 00:33:50.905

to their financial competence.

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00:33:50.905 --> 00:33:53.785

And does that form part of their planning application?

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00:33:53.785 --> 00:33:57.935

Because we found them wanting, they're also planning

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00:33:57.955 --> 00:34:01.935

to remove almost 300 meters of hedge next to a field near

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00:34:01.935 --> 00:34:03.695

where we live for no apparent reason at all.

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00:34:04.195 --> 00:34:06.055

And again, our queries have been ignored.

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00:34:06.225 --> 00:34:09.495

We've been blanked. How many more hedges are they wanting

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00:34:09.495 --> 00:34:12.335

to rip, rip out for what reason they're keeping

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00:34:12.405 --> 00:34:14.015

that very close to the chest

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00:34:14.015 --> 00:34:15.815

because I suspect they don't want people to know

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00:34:15.875 --> 00:34:17.815

how many hedges they're wanting to destroy.

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00:34:20.625 --> 00:34:24.445

Uh, our farm is on a very narrow lane to the A 6 3 1

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00:34:24.505 --> 00:34:28.385

and to Springfield Village now it's very narrow lane

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not suitable to heavy traffic.

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00:34:30.275 --> 00:34:32.185

We've asked them how they're gonna manage the,

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00:34:32.245 --> 00:34:34.585

the construction traffic, either gonna have a one way system

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00:34:34.645 --> 00:34:36.665

or have a scheme whereby lorries don't meet

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00:34:36.885 --> 00:34:37.985

and churn up the verge.

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00:34:38.605 --> 00:34:40.385

But again, we're being blanked and ignored.

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00:34:42.195 --> 00:34:46.615

Um, finally, I think yesterday in item seven, was it,

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00:34:46.615 --> 00:34:48.775

you mentioned, uh, visits to the site.

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00:34:49.475 --> 00:34:50.615

We could invite you

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00:34:51.075 --> 00:34:53.375

or people from your department, if that's the right word,

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00:34:53.875 --> 00:34:56.775

to visit the farm and see on, on the ground.

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00:34:57.055 --> 00:34:58.055

I think it's always better

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00:34:58.055 --> 00:34:59.375

to see on the ground than on a map.

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00:35:00.855 --> 00:35:02.635

Um, if you want details for that,

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00:35:02.695 --> 00:35:04.435

we can, uh, forward them up.

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00:35:05.395 --> 00:35:09.535

Um, yes, I think that's it. Thank you. Thank you. Thank

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00:35:09.535 --> 00:35:10.535

You Mr. Mr. sma.

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00:35:10.535 --> 00:35:11.295

Uh, uh,

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00:35:11.395 --> 00:35:13.255

we very greatly appreciate the

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00:35:13.255 --> 00:35:14.335

information you're passing with us.

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00:35:14.435 --> 00:35:16.895

Um, we have noted the issue with the driveway.

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00:35:16.895 --> 00:35:20.095

You, you're not the only resident who's had their driveway

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00:35:20.295 --> 00:35:22.695

adjusted or right in the most recent change request.

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00:35:22.805 --> 00:35:25.335

It's been quite common and other people's Yeah.

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00:35:25.575 --> 00:35:27.655

Verges and gardens. So we have noted that. Thank you. We,

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00:35:27.715 --> 00:35:30.335

We just find that these faceless people just don't seem

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00:35:30.455 --> 00:35:31.735

to have any idea of, of

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00:35:31.805 --> 00:35:33.895

what we're getting on the ground. Yes.

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00:35:34.615 --> 00:35:36.775

I appreciate that. And as you know,

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00:35:36.775 --> 00:35:38.125

we've been down your road

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00:35:38.345 --> 00:35:40.805

and we are acutely aware of the traffic management issues

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00:35:40.805 --> 00:35:42.725  
of meeting tractors with brakes.

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00:35:42.835 --> 00:35:45.285  
Yeah, yeah. Um, so yes, we are aware of that.

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00:35:45.285 --> 00:35:46.485  
Thank you very much. Right. Thank you.

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00:35:50.675 --> 00:35:54.765  
Okay. Can I please, please hear from a mystic catter?

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00:35:57.295 --> 00:35:58.705  
Hopefully I pronounce that

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00:35:59.875 --> 00:36:04.425  
cater minefield. Okay, thank you.

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00:36:04.965 --> 00:36:06.385  
So my name is Derek Ka.

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00:36:06.725 --> 00:36:08.265  
I'm a resident of Harpswell

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00:36:08.405 --> 00:36:10.465  
and I'm speaking as a resident of Harpswell.

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00:36:10.805 --> 00:36:13.305  
Um, but what I'll say will be slightly technical perhaps.

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00:36:13.405 --> 00:36:15.385  
So I should say I'm an archeologist

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00:36:15.685 --> 00:36:18.065  
of maybe 30 plus years standing.

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00:36:19.145 --> 00:36:23.945  
I wrote co-wrote quite a lot of the EIA documentation



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00:36:23.965 --> 00:36:26.105

for HS two, phase two A and two B,

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00:36:26.725 --> 00:36:29.225

and I was national grid's archeological advisor

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00:36:29.325 --> 00:36:30.545

for more than 10 years.

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00:36:30.965 --> 00:36:34.065

So I, so I'm speaking as a Harpswell resident

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00:36:34.065 --> 00:36:36.185

and I'm particularly speaking about harpswell.

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00:36:36.965 --> 00:36:39.585

Um, and I want to talk about the historic landscape.

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00:36:39.805 --> 00:36:40.905

So we've heard a lot

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00:36:40.965 --> 00:36:43.025

of people talking about the beautiful views,

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00:36:43.205 --> 00:36:45.225

and I could sit here and talk about the same,

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00:36:45.765 --> 00:36:48.425

but I also wanted to point out, when we think of heritage,

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00:36:49.325 --> 00:36:52.825

um, we typically think of buildings, uh,

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00:36:52.825 --> 00:36:57.785

like Lincoln Cathedral, our, our sites like Sutton who,

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00:36:57.965 --> 00:37:00.905

or maybe documents like Magna Carta.

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00:37:01.245 --> 00:37:04.465

But we tend to forget that the historic landscape, the,

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00:37:04.495 --> 00:37:09.105

that the landscape is, is, is the, is created

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00:37:09.325 --> 00:37:11.745

by the actions of communities over

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00:37:12.815 --> 00:37:14.665

centuries or millennia.

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00:37:15.205 --> 00:37:17.225

And, and this is written in the landscape,

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00:37:17.405 --> 00:37:20.025

and you can move around the landscape

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00:37:20.085 --> 00:37:22.745

or get to a vantage point and look down

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00:37:22.845 --> 00:37:25.545

and you can understand this and experience this.

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00:37:26.445 --> 00:37:28.425

So in Harpswell, if I was to go

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00:37:28.425 --> 00:37:30.825

and stand at the top of the scar slope,

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00:37:31.005 --> 00:37:33.025

so I've got Middle Street behind me

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00:37:33.045 --> 00:37:35.545

and I'll look down into Harpswell.

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00:37:36.245 --> 00:37:37.905

Um, I would see

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00:37:37.905 --> 00:37:40.905

that the village is at the bottom of the slope.

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00:37:41.325 --> 00:37:42.785

And if I move north

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00:37:42.805 --> 00:37:44.545

and south along Middle Street,

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00:37:44.575 --> 00:37:45.305

I'll see all the village

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00:37:45.305 --> 00:37:46.585

villages are at the bottom of the slope.

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00:37:47.085 --> 00:37:49.145

And they're call spring line villages.

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00:37:49.215 --> 00:37:53.105

What percolates through the limestone cla it hits an

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00:37:53.185 --> 00:37:55.465

imperial impermeable clay layer.

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00:37:55.485 --> 00:37:59.185

And it's under issues out streams, uh, springs

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00:37:59.285 --> 00:38:02.105

and harpswell is the, well, uh, the, the spring

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00:38:02.105 --> 00:38:04.945

where water wells outta the harp player, um,

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00:38:05.745 --> 00:38:06.755

prem, medieval name.

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00:38:07.375 --> 00:38:11.275

And, and so I will see the villages all on the spring line.

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00:38:11.535 --> 00:38:14.635

And I'm back on Middle Street looking down into the village

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00:38:15.055 --> 00:38:19.155

and I will see the almost ruler straight parish boundary

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00:38:19.155 --> 00:38:20.795  
between Harpswell and Hemsworth.

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00:38:21.175 --> 00:38:23.755  
And I'll see it marches up and down the landscape

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00:38:24.255 --> 00:38:25.355  
and it clearly,

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00:38:25.695 --> 00:38:28.835  
and they all do all of the parish boundaries along the line,

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00:38:29.415 --> 00:38:30.875  
uh, uh, along Middle Street.

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00:38:31.175 --> 00:38:34.435  
And it's clear that they were all set out so

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00:38:34.435 --> 00:38:37.365  
that individual communities all got a slice

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00:38:37.385 --> 00:38:41.045  
of the landscape, the, the high ground on the, on the chalk,

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00:38:41.465 --> 00:38:43.685  
the, the mid slopes and the lowland.

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00:38:44.005 --> 00:38:45.205  
Everyone got them. And,

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00:38:45.205 --> 00:38:46.325  
and there's a regular plan

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00:38:46.325 --> 00:38:47.805  
marching up and down middle Street.

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00:38:48.345 --> 00:38:50.645  
And we don't know when the villages

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00:38:50.785 --> 00:38:53.365

and these boundaries were set out, but we,

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00:38:53.745 --> 00:38:56.645

but it's probably in the ninth century, eighth, eighth

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00:38:56.665 --> 00:38:57.845

or ninth, ninth century.

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00:38:58.265 --> 00:39:00.765

That's when villages are forming in, in this area.

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00:39:01.675 --> 00:39:03.255

And we've got no idea

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00:39:03.255 --> 00:39:06.695

what authority could have existed in the ninth century to,

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00:39:06.795 --> 00:39:10.015

to do this, just divide up a large tract

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00:39:10.015 --> 00:39:11.335

of a landscape like this.

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00:39:11.515 --> 00:39:13.255

But we know it must have, they must have existed.

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00:39:13.535 --> 00:39:15.055

'cause we, we can read it in the landscape.

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00:39:15.475 --> 00:39:17.455

And then, so I'm back on the ridge looking down.

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00:39:17.775 --> 00:39:19.215

I can, I see the church

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00:39:19.755 --> 00:39:22.975

and I see it's, I I see it's got a 10 eighties

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00:39:23.895 --> 00:39:25.735

a tower made in the 10 eighties, shortly

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00:39:25.735 --> 00:39:27.495

after the Norman Conquest.

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00:39:27.755 --> 00:39:29.455

And I can, we can be sure

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00:39:29.455 --> 00:39:31.095

that the village existed in the

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00:39:31.095 --> 00:39:32.455

10 eighties 'cause it had a church.

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00:39:32.875 --> 00:39:34.655

But I, but I might amble down to the church

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00:39:34.675 --> 00:39:38.055

and realize that it's dedicated to St.

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00:39:38.165 --> 00:39:40.855

Chad. St. Chad was operating in the six sixties,

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00:39:40.855 --> 00:39:42.255

second half of the seventh century.

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00:39:42.995 --> 00:39:45.655

And he sat at the bishop brick of mercy in the six sixties

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00:39:46.245 --> 00:39:47.655

East Anglia at the, sorry,

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00:39:47.655 --> 00:39:50.735

east Lingura at the time was under the mercian.

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00:39:51.275 --> 00:39:52.695

And, and we can note

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00:39:52.695 --> 00:39:55.295

that the spring comes up in the Churchyard.

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00:39:56.035 --> 00:39:58.135

Um, it's still, it's in the Churchyard.

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00:39:58.555 --> 00:40:01.215

Um, and it's the spring of the heart player.

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00:40:01.355 --> 00:40:02.935

So we, we can only speculate

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00:40:03.445 --> 00:40:06.375

what Chad's missionaries found in the churchyard, what kind

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00:40:06.375 --> 00:40:07.655

of watery cult was going on

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00:40:07.655 --> 00:40:09.295

that they felt they needed to Christianize.

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00:40:09.555 --> 00:40:11.015

Um, you know, this is obviously talked about

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00:40:11.015 --> 00:40:12.095

in the academic literature.

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00:40:12.355 --> 00:40:13.575

Um, anyway, moving on.

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00:40:13.875 --> 00:40:18.735

The village was, um, in a now tuske field belonging

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00:40:18.735 --> 00:40:20.695

to whole farm, but straight over the road.

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00:40:21.115 --> 00:40:23.415

So back on the ridge, looking down, I can see this,

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00:40:23.685 --> 00:40:25.175

that the village was there.

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00:40:25.795 --> 00:40:29.375

Um, it withered after the black death of 1348.

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00:40:30.035 --> 00:40:33.055

Um, the chip primarily changed the economic circumstances.

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It shrank, the village shrank,

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00:40:34.795 --> 00:40:36.655

and you can see the lumps and bumps in the field.

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00:40:37.085 --> 00:40:38.935

It's a deserted medieval settlement now.

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And, and the,

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00:40:40.635 --> 00:40:43.935

the tots in the early 17th century finished the ru

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00:40:43.935 --> 00:40:46.015

of the village off and they built a nice

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00:40:46.105 --> 00:40:47.255

small country house.

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00:40:47.675 --> 00:40:50.735

Um, the site of the village they made in a little landscape

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00:40:50.735 --> 00:40:53.015

park and it's got a nice little serpentine lake.

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00:40:53.715 --> 00:40:56.495

And the family moved away in the early 19th century

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00:40:56.595 --> 00:40:57.815

and the house was pulled down.

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00:40:57.815 --> 00:40:59.535

But you can read all this in the landscape, you know,



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00:40:59.535 --> 00:41:00.935

you can read it from the top of the slope.

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00:41:01.355 --> 00:41:02.815

You can see where the house was.

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00:41:03.075 --> 00:41:04.655

You can see the serpentine lake,

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00:41:04.995 --> 00:41:06.855

you can see their ornamental gardens,

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00:41:06.855 --> 00:41:08.255

which are now scheduled monuments.

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00:41:08.595 --> 00:41:10.095

And behind it, there's a moat.

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00:41:10.595 --> 00:41:11.815

We dunno, the date of the moat.

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Moat building happened primarily between 1150 and 1350.

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But this could be an ornamental post,

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00:41:17.015 --> 00:41:18.415

medieval thing date into the house.

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00:41:18.415 --> 00:41:19.935

But it's there. And,

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00:41:20.945 --> 00:41:23.605

and then at about that time, so in the Middle Ages,

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00:41:23.665 --> 00:41:26.525

the landscape would've been vast open fields without hedges

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00:41:26.525 --> 00:41:30.085

and small wavy region furrow, um, plots of land.

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00:41:30.705 --> 00:41:33.525

And, and in the 18th century it was all enclosed,

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00:41:33.625 --> 00:41:35.125

closed parliamentary enclosure.

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00:41:35.185 --> 00:41:36.605

And we can see it in the landscape.

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00:41:37.225 --> 00:41:38.485

All of the farmhouses,

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00:41:38.485 --> 00:41:41.165

the 18th century farmhouses are there, the fields scape

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00:41:41.165 --> 00:41:44.005

and the hedges, all 18th century we can see it.

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00:41:44.065 --> 00:41:46.325

And you can see the former roads

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00:41:46.395 --> 00:41:48.565

that served the medical village that's now gone.

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00:41:48.745 --> 00:41:52.685

The whole road scape was changed then enclosed it as a park.

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00:41:52.685 --> 00:41:54.125

They built a road around the outside.

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00:41:54.125 --> 00:41:57.045

And all our houses in Harpswell are all along the road on

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the outside of the park, laid down the 17th century,

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and you can read it all in the landscape.

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And, and now they're going

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to put a large industrial installation into a

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quintessentially rural landscape with a rural history

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that can be read going back thousands of years.

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I mean, middle Street long predates the Roman Road, the a 15

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by, I mean, centuries are millennia.

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And there was a, there was a little road at the bottom

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of the slope called Low Road, which we were in the process

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of getting the footpath ated that linked all

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of these villages and probably has been

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there since the 10th century.

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And you can read all this in the landscape.

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And now they're gonna ppl a big industrial

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installation into a quintessentially rural landscape.

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And what are their proposals for hiding this

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or blending it in two, one is they're going

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to well mess with, that's a bit emotive.

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They, they, they're going to bulk up

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and change the planting of the field,

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the existing field scape so that when you're moving

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through this landscape, it's, it's, it's,

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it's not so dominant.

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Um, but that,

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but that hedge scape tells the story

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of the 18th century enclosures.

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And now that's just gonna become largely illegible.

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You can move through this, through this landscape.

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You, you know, you you, it'll be largely illegible.

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And the second thing they propose to do is plant hedges

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along the edge of Middle Street to block the view.

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So the, the, the whole story,

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and this is just our parish, I could sort of do lesser jobs

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of all the parishes along them.

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Um, they've all got this kind of story and,

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and it's all readable from Middle Street

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and now the view is going to be blocked.

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And where they can't block it,

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they're just gonna put some tall hedges,

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which is just completely gonna erase one's ability

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to experience it.

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There'll be security fences.

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So whereas now you can move through this landscape

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and understand it, you won't be able to, you won't be able

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to go to the top of the ridge and look down

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and understand it from a distance.

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It'll be erased.

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And I'm, I've just turned 60,

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so I'm not particularly an old man,

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but I'll be long dead when if, if it's ever again possible

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to experience this historic landscape,

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I I'll long dead when that's possible.

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And yeah, I think it's, you know, and,

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and the, I mean the, the solar panels, if,

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if they are glinting, I mean talk about a dynamic impact,

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you know, like you're gonna be on the ridge trying to look

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through the hedge to see what's going on

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and you're just have constant glinting of things you

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that's gonna draw the eye and yeah, I think it's a tragedy.

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So I think that's basically all I have to say.

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Thank you, thank you,

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Thank you very much.

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Um, very detailed representation.

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So if you could potentially provide them in writing it

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would greatly assist us.

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Thank you very much. Um, okay,

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could we please hear from a Mr. Simon Styles?

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Good afternoon, gentlemen. Good afternoon.

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Uh, thank you. Thank you for coming.

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Um, I think probably all those people sitting in the room

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with me have deja vu because we've done this three times

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before and what we're desperately trying

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to do is maintain faith in the process.

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So thank you and thank you for your comments so far.

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Uh, just two points to add to what people have said.

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People have said before, when, when, when I,

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I come from Glenworth and,

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and when the meeting first took place in Glen with who one

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of the representatives of, of, of till bridge, he assured us

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that no hedges at all would be removed,

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which obviously is in complete contradiction

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to what's being said behind us.



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Just to point that out, um,

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The, the point I think you've really taken on board is the

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fact that we all think that the four, um,

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projects are one project

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and they've just been divided up for the ability to

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circumvent your process.

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And, and at the last meeting, the solicitor

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for the applicant to say promised is a little bit strong,

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promised that all the four inspectors would sit in the same

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room and discuss the cumulative effect.

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It will be recorded on your records, I'm sure

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promised is a little bit strong,

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but he assured us that's what would happen.

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And if that happened, we would have some strength

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and belief in what's going on.

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Thank you.

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Okay, thank you Mr. Sal.

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Um, so this solicitor, could you referring

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to the applicant's literal

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Yes, the applicant's solicit.

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Okay, thank you. As, yeah, as I said, um,

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we're gonna thoroughly consider the cumulative effects, um,

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under each individual topic heading.

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And we may well have a separate section as well.

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Um, yeah,

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and in terms of terms the comments on hedges,

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I'd be interested to hear what the applicant's response is

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and indeed the previous representations with regard to the

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effective mitigation in, in, in the form of planting on the,

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the historic landscape as well.

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Okay, thank you very much. Thank you very much.

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Okay. Could I please hear

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from Mrs. Fields?

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Yes. Okay, thank you very much.

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This is gonna trip me up.

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Um, could I please hear from Sophie, Sophie

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Docia, however I mispronounce your name again,

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Docia, I apologize.

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Good afternoon. A

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So I'm Mrs. Sophie Docia,

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I live in Glenworth

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and just so that you know which property I'm talking about,

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I live at Low Farm on the Ksby Road, so I do agree

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with everything everybody else has said.

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Um, I don't want to repeat.

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So when Till Bridge first came about, they did contact me

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and they did come to my house

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and asked me how best to live with this.

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So they came back

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with saying they were gonna put a wildflower garden,

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a field in the house, the field next to me.

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But looking at the maps that they've come back,

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it's not far enough back at all.

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You know, um, it needs to be way further back than their,

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than they're thinking before it's even considered.

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Um, I've also got IGA in that field coming, so,

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you know, my views are, you know, it needs

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to be much further back

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so it doesn't impact on my house at all.

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So what I do want to know is, is there, uh, have they worked

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with local estate agents to see the impact of my house

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and my house value?

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Um, because I don't think they have,

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because as far as I'm aware, my house value is,

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is severely impact.

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And myself and my husband worked

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really hard to earn that house.

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So, and I wanted to leave each of my four children

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who now are surrounded by solar farms and humming

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and all that other stuff that everybody else has, um,

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you know, made points.

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Um, so I just wanted

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to know if there was a compensation scheme that to, to farm,

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um, would be, um, putting out there for people

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who have lost money in their houses

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and um, where would we even go for that if they could make

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that available and just to make out.

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But if you gave me a solar panel on my roof,

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my house would increase in value rather than decrease.

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But I have looked into buying my own

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and it's over 10,000 pounds, so

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for me, that's not an option.

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So, you know, working with governments as well,

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it's still not an option for me,

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but, you know, if the government decided to go again, go

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for solar panels, if they could just give us our own then

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you know, we could go, I would be happy for that

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to happen, but thank you.

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Okay, thank you. Perhaps the applicant would like to

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respond to those issues either at the end of this hearing

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or perhaps in writing, and that would greatly assist us.

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Okay. Could we please hear from Mrs. Burke?

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No. Okay. I think she might have left in that case.

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There's one further registered speaker and that is a Mr.

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Court, please. Is he here?

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Good afternoon, Mr. Court.

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Good afternoon. Um, my name is Tony Court.

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I'm a local resident of Ingham.

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I'm also a retired project controls manager

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for mega projects.

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And, uh, what I'd like to, uh, change slight tack

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at the minute I'm part of 7,000 acres

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and as such we have been reading the submissions

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that have been made by to bridge solar as you have,

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there are tens of thousands of pages of documentation,

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and I must admit, for a local resident to even

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concentrate or even suggest reading, any of it

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is just mind boggling.



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Um, a lot of it is technical, a lot of it is opinionated,

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but what I'd like to point out is that there are many,

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many references to statistics,

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values, figures that have been generated in this document,

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but there is no substantiation for any of those values.

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They have not specified how many panels

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they have not specified

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how many transformers they have not specified

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who the manufacturer is, where the panels

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and the transformers and the equipment is derived from.

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And I understand that they cannot do that in detail

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until they've done their detailed design.

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But what I'm asking for is

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can they please send us their assumptions

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that they have used in generating all the statistics

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that they've put into their thousands of pages of documents.

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Now without that substantiation, all I can say is

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that their submission is fiction and opinion

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and I do not agree with it.

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So I would like you as the examiner

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to question the basis of the data that they are using

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to substantiate why they need to build this solar farm.

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Thank you. That's all I need to say.

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Excellent. Thank you very much Mr. Court.

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Okay, that's the, brings us to the end

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of registered speakers.

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I just wanted to check, just

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Wanted to add, if anyone has left the record

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Just To say if there are any speakers in the room

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who haven't had the chance to speak

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and would like to have an opportunity that now,

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but equally, we did have some speakers who'd registered

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to speak and have since left understandably, um,

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that there's, they will have

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that opportunity again in the future when we hold our next

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round of hearings in the new year to speak at that time.

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And if you similarly yourselves, thank

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You.

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So any further speakers? No.

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What about virtually?

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Okay, so I think we'll move on to item four,

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which is, uh, responses from the applicant.

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Um, can I ask who will be speaking?

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Oh, let's just wait a moment.

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Good afternoon. Would you like to introduce yourself?

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Thank you. Says good afternoon. My name is Alexis Coleman.

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I'm a legal director at Vincent Mason's

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and I represent the applicant,

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uh, firstly on behalf of the applicant.

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I would just like to thank everyone who has attended

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and spoken at today's hearing.

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Um, I appreciate from comments yesterday

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that the timing was perhaps not ideal for some people, um,

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but it's an important part of the planning process

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that the public has heard

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and that the examining authority is aware of local concerns.

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So, um, we would like to say thank you for taking part

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and for people to, to take, taking the time out

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of their days to be here.

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Um, secondly, we've carefully read all the relevant

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representations submitted by all parties,

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and we're in the process of preparing detailed responses

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to the, to those which will be submitting at deadline one.

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Today's hearing has very much been about the applicant

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listening and hearing what is said,

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00:55:59.735 --> 00:56:02.515

and we have many representatives from til Bridge Solar here

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today to hear the points raised.

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When new points have been made

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that are not already covered in the relevant

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representations, we'll ensure we respond in detail in

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writing at deadline one, or

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to the extent further detail is put in from other parties in

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writing at deadline one, we'll obviously respond

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at the next deadline.

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Following that,

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I will touch briefly on some of the key themes raised.

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Um, I've tried to pick up as many as I could, um,

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while people have been speaking,

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but there are some that I think will be better dealt

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with in writing or at the future hearing.

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Um, but let's see how I go.

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Um, so in terms of the nature of large scale,

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naturally significant, um, energy projects means

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that unfortunately some adverse effects are unavoidable

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despite our best efforts to avoid them.

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The job of the decision maker is to weigh the urgent need

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for renewable generation, along with other benefits.

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The scheme will deliver with its adverse effects.

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In this respect, the scheme would make a substantial

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contribution to the urgent need for renewable energy

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and a positive contribution to energy security

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and on climate due to it displacing the need for other forms

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of conventional energy that would emit greenhouse gases.

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The scheme is predicted

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to have significant beneficial impacts from the cumulative

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effect from construction employment as well

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as from proposed habitat creation

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and enhancement of habitat, which would achieve a minimum

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of 10% biodiversity net gain.

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There are also benefits on the recovery of soil resources

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and in diversifying the activities of existing farms.

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We have to recognize as well that there are,

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are identified adverse effects,

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which is why we have made sure

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to assess these effects thoroughly in our environmental

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statement so that they can be given proper consideration

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as part of the planning balance.

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In terms of significant adverse effects, these may arise



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with the spec to landscape impacts on a small number

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00:57:50.415 --> 00:57:52.615

of viewpoints from construction traffic

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and sense of disturbance on a few local lanes

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during construction and the early years of operation,

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the applicant has worked hard to avoid, minimize

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and mitigate these adverse effects wherever possible.

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And that has been a common thread

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through the applicant's work on the scheme from site

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selection through the design of the scheme to consideration

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of additional mitigation and management measures.

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The process by which the site was originally selected

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included identification

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and where possible avoidance from the outset

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of key environmental constraints such

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as protected ecological areas and landscapes

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and mapping of best and most versatile agricultural land.

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The design of the scheme then drilled down further

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to look at zones identified with the potential for solar

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by reference to potential impacts such

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as landscape, heritage and traffic.

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And during this process, the original 2,600 hectare area

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identified for the site was reduced to 1,500 hectares.

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We've also made changes such as introducing offsets

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and buffers for residential properties removed parcels due

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to heritage impacts, made adjustments

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to the order limits in response to landowner discussions

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and included two new permissive paths

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to facilitate connecting access by the public,

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introduced archeological mitigation sites

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and biodiversity zones to provide connectivity for wildlife.

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The applicant has done its utmost to avoid

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and minimize residual adverse effects in applying the

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00:59:14.225 --> 00:59:15.425  
mitigation hierarchy.

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The decision is therefore for the XA

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00:59:18.265 --> 00:59:20.545  
and the sector of state to consider whether the urgent need

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00:59:20.545 --> 00:59:21.885  
and critical national priority

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00:59:21.885 --> 00:59:23.485  
for the scheme outweighs those effects.

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00:59:24.185 --> 00:59:25.485  
We say that it does and

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that the scheme whilst having some adverse effects does also

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00:59:28.205 --> 00:59:30.765  
bring benefits of responding to the urgent need

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to fight climate change and hit net zero energy.

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And that is for the benefit of all of us.

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In terms of the other topics raised, um, I'll try and

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and cover the main ones.

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Um, there's various points about scale efficiency,

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energy production scheme, lifetime,

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and fluctuations in generation, which were covered

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to some extent yesterday in terms

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of the principles of development.

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And so a deadline one will be producing a detailed note on

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those issues and I'm sure they'll be explored further

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in in the examination.

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Um, there are some issues in terms of support

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for large scale mounted large scale, ground mounted solar

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and, um, whether that is a good idea

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and I think a lot of those issues go to the heart of the NPS

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01:00:12.915 --> 01:00:14.995  
and government policy and, um, to some extent

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01:00:14.995 --> 01:00:17.315  
beyond the scope of this examination, as I think,

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01:00:17.615 --> 01:00:18.875  
um, has been noted as well.

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01:00:20.165 --> 01:00:22.465  
Um, we did also discuss the point about decommissioning

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01:00:22.465 --> 01:00:24.825  
yesterday, and I know that some people, including Mr.

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01:00:25.145 --> 01:00:28.065  
Moffitt have mentioned this and I would just re reiterate,

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01:00:28.485 --> 01:00:31.585  
um, that there are legally binding requirements proposed in

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01:00:31.585 --> 01:00:35.385  
the draft DC0 to secure decommissioning, um, failure

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01:00:35.485 --> 01:00:37.385  
to comply with, which is a criminal offense,

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01:00:37.525 --> 01:00:41.105  
and the applicant will be setting aside funds should, um,

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01:00:41.175 --> 01:00:42.425  
consent be granted to ensure

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01:00:42.425 --> 01:00:44.625

that it can meet its obligations under the DCO in this

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respect and it would need to, um, decommission in accordance

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with the approved, um, relevant management plan

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by the councils at the time.

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Um, there was also a point mentioned, um,

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by Mrs. May in terms of, uh, long-term costs on consumers

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and I don't have a response to hand on that one,

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but we will take that away and come back, um, in, in that,

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in writing in terms of

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impacts on specific, um, landowners

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or tenants, I don't propose to respond

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in detail on those points.

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Now we've heard what the Casals, um, have said

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and we'll respond in writing on those points.

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And you've also noted that there's the opportunity

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for future comp policy acquisition hearings,

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which is a appropriate, um, discussion for that.

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And also in terms of the points we miss Docker,

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we can respond, um, about the offsets there and,

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and compensation in writing as well.

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Um, in response to Mr.

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Mapstone, I think he may have now left,

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but, um, we are very aware of the points raised by Mr.

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Mapstone in relation to his daughter

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and we're working closely with his family

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and our noise expert is working closely

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with their acoustic expert.

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I expect we will deal with this in more detail in the noise

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issue specific hearing when we will have our noise expert

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present and, um, we do think it's

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that's an appropriate forum

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and it's important that we discuss that at that hearing.

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So I was grateful for the excess

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confirmation in that respect.

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We're also seeking to enter into an SOCG, um, with,

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with the family in terms of any points of agreement

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and we have tried to assist

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with setting out some both technical notes and noise,

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but also a note about the process.

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But so we are trying to work with them in terms

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of criticism of the applicant generally



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or the companies making up till Bridge Solar Limited.

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Um, these are unfounded

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01:02:25.715 --> 01:02:27.715  
and we strongly refute allegations in this respect.

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01:02:27.895 --> 01:02:29.675  
The applicant is a joint venture

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between tribes clean energy limited

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01:02:31.375 --> 01:02:33.475  
and recurrent energy for both experienced

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01:02:33.475 --> 01:02:34.835  
developers of renewable projects.

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It's very much the intention

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01:02:36.715 --> 01:02:38.995  
of Till Bridge Solar Limited to build and operate.

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The scheme for the detail about the companies is

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01:02:41.835 --> 01:02:45.155  
provided in our funding statement, which is at a PP 0 1 8.

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01:02:46.815 --> 01:02:49.995  
Um, in terms of cumulative effects with other solar schemes,

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01:02:50.255 --> 01:02:51.275  
um, our assessment shows

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01:02:51.275 --> 01:02:53.115

that they're both significant adverse

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and beneficial cumulative benefits from the scheme

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with the neighboring solar schemes.

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Whilst each of the solar DCOS is considered,

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its on considered on its own merits.

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Each of the DC0 applications has also presented a cumulative

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assessment with other solar dcos in order

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to assess their impact as one.

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And those cumulative assessments have been considered

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by the statute of state in deciding whether to grant consent

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for the schemes consented to date.

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And I welcome and, and note the comments from the XA in

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that respect about confirming that, uh,

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the same approach will be taken here

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and that those effects will be looked at in detail

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01:03:23.455 --> 01:03:24.795

at the upcoming issue.

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Specific hearings. The scheme

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and other solid dcos have worked collaborati collaboratively

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during detailed during design development

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01:03:32.685 --> 01:03:35.185

and environmental assessments, including identification

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of a cable, shared cable route corridor sharing baseline

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environmental information and identification

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01:03:40.305 --> 01:03:41.665

of shared mitigation measures.

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And there's further information

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provided on in all those respects in the joint report on the

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interrelationship with other national infrastructure

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projects at a PP 2 1 15.

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01:03:56.525 --> 01:03:59.305

In response to the point from Baroness Hog on Cumulatives,

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we've undertaken a, um, cumulative assessment

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and this does consider the range of environmental effects

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that just mentioned and um, again, the direction from you

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that those will be considered in upcoming hearings as well.

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Um, many people have quite understandably mentioned concerns

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around mental health and wellbeing.

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The applicant recognizes that the potential

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for future environmental changes associated with the scheme

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01:04:22.845 --> 01:04:24.265

during construction operation

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and decommissioning is a source

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of concern for local residents.

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The applicant has undertaken a comprehensive

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and robust environmental impact assessment so

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that any likely significant effects

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01:04:33.825 --> 01:04:36.185  
of the scheme have been able to be identified

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01:04:36.185 --> 01:04:38.105  
and appropriately mitigated or avoided.

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01:04:38.965 --> 01:04:41.025  
The assessment takes a holistic approach to health

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01:04:41.445 --> 01:04:42.665  
and considers a wide range

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01:04:42.665 --> 01:04:44.265  
of health determinants which are relevant

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01:04:44.265 --> 01:04:45.585  
to quality of life and amenity.

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01:04:46.445 --> 01:04:47.945  
The assessment considers elements

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01:04:47.945 --> 01:04:50.065  
of the scheme which could affect mental health, for example,

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01:04:50.065 --> 01:04:51.225  
changes in landscape

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01:04:51.225 --> 01:04:54.265  
and visual amenity noise, access to open space

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01:04:54.265 --> 01:04:57.125  
and employment as well as physical health, for example,

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01:04:57.125 --> 01:04:58.525  
associated with air pollution.

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01:04:59.305 --> 01:05:01.565

Uh, no significant effects are identified in the yes

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with respect to human health.

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We've also tried to introduce measures aimed at assisting

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with keeping people informed

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and reducing anxiety around uncertainty, which,

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which I know has been mentioned, um, such

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as the community liaison group during construction

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and also for example, newsletter updates, um,

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pre-application to try to to manage some

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of the uncertainty for people around that.

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We're also conscious that visual impacts may impact mental

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health and have worked hard to avoid, minimize

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and mitigate these as well as incorporating features such

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as two new permissive paths for walkers, cyclists

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and horse riders in an area

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01:05:35.725 --> 01:05:37.325

where such roots are relatively limited

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01:05:37.795 --> 01:05:40.445

with 25 meter wide corridors to allow corporation

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of habitats such as hedges to screen infrastructure

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01:05:42.785 --> 01:05:44.765

and provide green infrastructure corridors

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on the subject of, um, food security.

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The effect of the s scheme on agricultural land with regards

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to food production and the displacement

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of farmland has been considered in ES chapter 14.

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Um, a PP 0 4 5.

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There are no likely significant effects across the

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construction operational phases with regards

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to food production considering

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that the scheme area forms less than 1%

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of agricultural land available on Lincoln Shear

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and that following operation the land used

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for the scheme can be reverted back to agricultural land.

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With respect to impacts on views, the scheme has sought

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to avoid proximity to villages, excuse me,

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and residential properties in line with the provisions

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of N-P-S-E-N three buffers from residential properties

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of at least 30 meters have

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been incorporated into the scheme.

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The scheme has been designed

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to limit views from sensitive receptors,

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including residential properties and public rights of way,

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although the applicant accepts that significant effects may



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remain from certain locations along the cliff.

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01:06:42.855 --> 01:06:45.625

With respect to, um, some points raised about flooding

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01:06:45.725 --> 01:06:48.145

and drainage, the scheme is assessed in detail the drainage

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01:06:48.145 --> 01:06:50.265

and runoff impacts of the conversion

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of the principle site from arable farmland to solar panels.

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And that's done in chapter 10

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01:06:54.405 --> 01:06:55.745

of the environmental statement.

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Any impacts are managed by the outline drainage strategy,

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which sets out the surface water drainage proposals

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for the principal site and has been prepared in accordance

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with national and local policies.

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Flood risk has been assessed

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and all permanent above ground infrastructure other than PB

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panels, um, are located outside of flood.

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Plain flood floodplain extends, so flood zone three and two.

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Um, to ensure no loss of existing floodplain storage,

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PB panel supports typically occupy less than one cubic meter

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of floodplain for every hectare

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of land offering no material loss of floodplain storage.

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Um, there was some more detailed points

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around flooding raised by Mr. Jones, which, um,

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01:07:32.865 --> 01:07:34.015

we'll pick up in writing so

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that I can get input from the appropriate

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01:07:35.675 --> 01:07:37.495

expert in in our team.

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01:07:39.735 --> 01:07:44.395

Um, there was some, um, comments about, um, supply chain.

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Um, the applicant is committed to maximum or, and,

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and you also asked if, hear about some of the benefits

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to the community or potential benefits for the community.

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So the applicant is committed to maximizing the economic

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and employment benefits for this,

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that the scheme can provide for local communities.

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This includes to the implementation

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01:08:01.115 --> 01:08:02.835

of the proposed skills supply chain

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and employment plan, which is secured in the

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draft DCO requirement.

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19. This plan sets out a range

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of opportunities the applicant has identified

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to benefit communities, including construction

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and operational apprenticeships, workforce training

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01:08:16.025 --> 01:08:19.645

and STEM career programs, recruitment of local residents

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01:08:19.645 --> 01:08:22.005

for roles, proactive advertising to local contractors

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01:08:22.065 --> 01:08:23.845

for purchasing and contracting opportunities

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and ethical procurement commitments

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to ensure contractors support their workforce

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and minimize environmental impacts.

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In terms of further benefits, I'd also add

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that the applicant is proposing a community benefit

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fund as part of the scheme.

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Should the scheme receive development consent,

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this would be independently administered

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by a local foundation

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and would be available for local initiatives

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to provide services to the community.

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Sorry, I just have some water.

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Sorry. Um, I've also made reference to benefits such

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as the new, um, two new permissive parks.

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Um, finally, in terms of site selection

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and alternatives, um,

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I've covered site selection briefly in my opening comments,

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setting up the process.

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And that process has looked at, um, brownfield options

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and we'll be able to expand on that in writing and,

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and the next set of issues, specific hearings in terms

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of the process and the alternatives considered there.

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With respect to some of the alternatives mentioned in our

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statement of need, a PP two 10, the applicant recognizes

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that energy alternatives, such

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as decentralized energy generation on rooftops have an

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important role to play in decarbonization.

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However, on their own smaller scale solar,

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including rooftop solar, is not likely

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to deliver a sufficient total capacity at the required pace.

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And at an affordable, at affordable cost

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to meet the government's targets.

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Whilst rooftop solar

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and other alternatives are likely con to contribute

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to decarbonization large scale solar is still an essential

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part of the future electricity system that must be deployed

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where there is natural resource where land is available

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and suitable and in proximity

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to available grid connection locations such

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01:10:03.235 --> 01:10:04.595  
as the local area to the scheme.

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We've also assessed reasonable alternatives considered

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01:10:08.965 --> 01:10:10.325  
by the applicant in chapter four

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01:10:10.785 --> 01:10:11.845  
of the environmental statement.

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01:10:11.845 --> 01:10:14.125  
In accordance with the EIA regulations,

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01:10:14.965 --> 01:10:17.915  
other energy generation processes such as wind power,

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01:10:18.305 --> 01:10:21.195  
nuclear, coal, or gas fired power stations have not been

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01:10:21.435 --> 01:10:22.835  
assessed due to a number of factors.

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01:10:22.895 --> 01:10:24.555  
And this includes their un suitability

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for the principle site, the timescales within which they

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could be delivered, and their ability

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01:10:29.015 --> 01:10:31.075  
or not to contribute to the UK's urgent

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01:10:31.135 --> 01:10:33.355  
and critical need to decarbonize the energy sector.

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And we've expanded upon that further in chapter four,

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and no doubt we'll be covered in a further hearing.

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Um, finally, just other issues have been raised, um,

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by people such as cultural heritage

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and the points covered by Mr.

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Cater in relation to Middle Street

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and historic landscapes, glint and glare.

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Um, there's been a few people raise, um, concerns

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around removal of vegetation

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and hedges, um, impact on agricultural tendencies,

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decommissioning of panels, alternate technologies,

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management of construction traffic.

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Um, these are covered in our application documents

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and we will provide references to that,



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but we'll respond on those points

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and they are matters that I think we will deal

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with in those further hearings

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and which are better suited

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to me making sure I've got the right, um,

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subject matter expert to hand rather than than me

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tell you what they've told me.

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01:11:21.265 --> 01:11:22.645  
Um, so thank you.

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01:11:22.675 --> 01:11:24.085  
I've tried to pick up on the key themes

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01:11:24.105 --> 01:11:25.205  
and the time available, but

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as I've said, our team has been here.

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We've taken a detailed note of the points

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and we've really listened and, and heard what's been said

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and we'll be responding in detail.

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01:11:33.185 --> 01:11:34.845

So again, I would just like to thank everyone

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01:11:34.905 --> 01:11:36.125

for, for attending today.

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Thank you.

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01:11:42.185 --> 01:11:43.365

Uh, yes, thank you very much.

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01:11:43.425 --> 01:11:45.725

Um, I, I noticed a number of points there that you raised

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and, and I appreciate you've been listening

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and trying to cate that during the actual,

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the hearing as it's been going on.

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01:11:50.725 --> 01:11:52.565

I would just challenge a few of the points coming back,

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but you know, you, I think you, you said to me

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that there are none, none of the developments have

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been flood zone two or three.

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But in your own report, um, I'm just gonna quote it verbatim

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where you, you talk about an identified area of extent

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of flood zone two and three overlap,

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a proposed solar panel location,

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and this is called an interaction zone.

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So there are some areas of the site that are at flood risk,

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not as you said, none in flood zone term three.

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And also we're talking about current flood risk

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and future flood risk obviously will get worse.

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01:12:20.545 --> 01:12:23.085

And I know also you've got sections of fencing within the,

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um, uh, internal drainage board areas,

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which will obviously be fencing across watercourse,

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which will obviously heighten flood risk. So would

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You're saying, yeah, so I was saying other than PV

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panels in terms of the flood,

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Yeah, there are PV panels in the flood.

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Yes. And then when I've, yes,

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and I understand there are some, um,

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outline design principles to, um, yes, exactly.

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Um, but no, I understood.

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I, it may also have been that in my attempt

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to summarize many issues, um, that level

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of detail has been missed. But No, I understand that.

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Appreciate that. I mean, I mean, and thank you for trying

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to address the comments that were raised today

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because I know it's challenging to do in the

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live event, so thank you for that.

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But if you could come back to them Yeah, yeah, definitely.

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Other deadlines you mentioned, that'd be very helpful.

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Okay, thank you Mr. Eley. Uh, thank you Ms. Coleman.

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I think that covers everything, uh, raised

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by interested parties fairly comprehensively,

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but I know where you haven't covered issues you've committed

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to doing so by deadline one, uh,

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I don't have any further questions as the primary focus

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of this particular hearing is

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to hear from interested parties.

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There will be many questions, um,

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but issues specific hearings, um,

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01:13:31.175 --> 01:13:33.355

in the future and of course in writing.

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01:13:33.695 --> 01:13:35.435

But thank you very much for your time. Thank you.

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01:13:39.315 --> 01:13:41.565

Okay. Before we move on, uh,

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please could all participants today bear in mind

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that the examination offers the opportunity to submit

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written representations

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and if one is requested, which we're assuming it will be,

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there will be a further open floor hearing, um, as well

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as issue specific hearings, uh,

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set out in the draft timetable.

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So before we move on to item five

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and the close of the hearing, is there anything anyone else

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wishes to say today?

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Yes, sir. Sorry, would you,

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would you like to come forward?

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But what I would say is, uh, I will offer the applicant

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a final right of reply.

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I appreciate, um, that's your contention,

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but she did, she did say she would come back in

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writing on, um,

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The point affects you as well, your scope.

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Sorry, could you introduce

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Yourself? Yes, Dr. Rodney

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May.

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Rodney may, It's your scope,

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which is very important to us.

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We raised the issue several times about the quality,

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if you like, of solar energy.

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Now, in your list of contents,

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what's they said, you've not addressed it.

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So my key question is this, outside your scope

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of responsibility, is this a government issue?

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The fact that solar is so ineffective?

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Um, my response to that would be we,

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if you wanna make representations to that effect,

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of course we'll take them into account.

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Yeah. But what I would say is that the

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need for this type of development is established in

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EN one, um, national policy statement EN one.

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Um, so challenges which go to need, uh,

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for this type of development overarching need go

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to the merits of the MPP.

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Um, sorry, the MPPS. So, um,



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So it's beyond your scope?

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No. Well, You've not got it on your contents list.

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When you say contents list, you

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Publish this of your, Oh, okay, I see.

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Yes, I see what you're guessing at.

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Um, well, as I just explained,

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need is established in, in m ps EN one,

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Which is outside your scope.

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Well, section 94,

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Please answer the question.

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Is it in your scope or outside your, if you wouldn't, Mr.

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If we want to progress it, Mr. May we need to know

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Mr. May, Dr. May,

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Dr. May, if you'd allow me to answer the question.

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I will. Okay, Please.

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So, section 94 of the Planning Act 2008

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outlines that the examining authority may refuse

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to allow representations to be made, which relate to

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challenges to the merits of policy set out in

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a national policy statement.

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We are not refusing even though that, even though we have

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the power to do so, so we will take 'em into account.

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But that's as far as I'm willing to go on that subject.

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Um, as I've expressed, need is set, set out within

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national policy statement EN one,

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and our initial assessment

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of principal issues reflects that.

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01:17:12.335 --> 01:17:14.665

Right. Thank you.

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That's, that's that. Thank you.

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Because you've answered my question.

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It's outside your scope.

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You're not really effectively

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addressing the issue. Thank you.

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01:17:23.345 --> 01:17:26.895

Thank you very much. Um, Ms. Coleman, would you like

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to come back on that or no?

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No. Okay. Excellent.

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01:17:33.645 --> 01:17:37.945

You can, yes, if you'd like to introduce yourself, please,

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Carol Montgomery, I just want to ask the questions

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that are, um, being responded to, tend to be responded to.

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Well in this document, this is what it says,

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but as we've already been told, there are thousands of pages

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and people like me trying to find in those documents

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01:17:55.865 --> 01:17:58.145

what the answers are to our questions is impossible.

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Is there any way that they can be

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01:18:00.975 --> 01:18:02.745

brought outta those documents

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to answer our questions rather than we having

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to go searching for them again?

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01:18:07.025 --> 01:18:09.105

'cause it, it just, it seems to be a block,

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a deliberate block to us getting the information we need.

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01:18:12.845 --> 01:18:15.705

And more importantly, the answers we need the explanations.

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Uh, yeah, I see what you are saying.

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Um, well, in terms of our recommendation report,

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we focus on the effects.

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01:18:23.695 --> 01:18:28.235

We may refer to specific representations. Um, I'm

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Talking about the solicitors as well. The till bridge.

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01:18:30.425 --> 01:18:33.035

Yeah. Okay. So that's up to them.

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I, I dunno if they want to note that they could address

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representations, made more doc more directly

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Questions, not just push us to back to the documents

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that have been written because there's just,

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they're just too vast.

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Okay. Deliberately.

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Alright. PO point noted.

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Um, Ms. Coleman, would you like to come back on that at all?

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01:18:59.195 --> 01:19:00.975

Alex's Coleman for the applicant? Um, yes.

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As someone who has to read them all, I,

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I fully understand the, the concern.

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Um, definitely we try and not make it into a paper chase.

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So in the way we respond to relevant reps,

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and we are doing this at the moment, so we'll make sure

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to when we go back to complete that process

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and review them that we make sure what we try

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and do is, um, provide a summary so that you don't have

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to go finding into another document to find the answer.

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But we will provide hopefully enough an answer.

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01:19:25.355 --> 01:19:27.495

But then also the signpost is so that if you want

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to go into the further technical detail, you can find it

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and we will also try and make those references

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as specific as possible.

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So it's to a sectional paragraph rather than

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to a whole document

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because I, I understand the point made

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01:19:38.775 --> 01:19:40.175  
by Ms. Ms. Montgomery.

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01:19:40.565 --> 01:19:41.975  
Okay, thank you very much.

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01:19:44.195 --> 01:19:46.295  
Is there anyone else who would like to say anything?

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01:19:46.875 --> 01:19:50.895  
Yes, uh, the lady to the, we'll come to you, Mr.

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01:19:51.175 --> 01:19:54.575  
Skelton, if you'd like to briefly introduce yourself.

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01:19:56.125 --> 01:19:57.565  
Victoria White local resident.

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Um, if I understood Ms. Coleman correctly, um, she just said

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that, um, the applicants

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or experienced professionals in this

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and she said that they looked at a much bigger area

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01:20:13.625 --> 01:20:15.125  
and then they've reduced it down.

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01:20:16.585 --> 01:20:19.125  
Um, I've already mentioned how many facets there are

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to this many, many points.

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If they are professionals,

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why then do they put an application in for as much areas

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as they can take and use?

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If they've got that experience, they would've

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actually examined that and looked at a lot of the issues

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and known that they couldn't have actually got away

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01:20:40.525 --> 01:20:42.165

with using that amount of area.

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And then they've it down,

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01:20:45.505 --> 01:20:48.045

it feels the applicant is only interested in money.

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01:20:50.465 --> 01:20:51.335

Thank you. Okay. Thank you

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01:20:54.875 --> 01:20:55.575

Ms. Coleman.

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01:20:55.575 --> 01:20:59.515

Would you, would you like to come back orally or, okay.

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Um, just, just to point out that the, for the format



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01:21:03.685 --> 01:21:05.145  
of the hearing is for IPS

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01:21:05.145 --> 01:21:08.625  
to make their statement within an allocated time.

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01:21:08.775 --> 01:21:12.865  
Okay. We, we have allowed that to go way

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01:21:12.865 --> 01:21:15.065  
beyond the allocated five minutes unchallenged.

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Okay. So I don't want us to develop into back and forth

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01:21:19.265 --> 01:21:22.785  
because the applicant always has the final right of reply so

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01:21:23.175 --> 01:21:25.385  
that that will be the case.

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01:21:25.805 --> 01:21:29.385  
Um, so if we could limit further representations,

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01:21:29.925 --> 01:21:32.505  
if you want to make any further rep representations,

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01:21:32.565 --> 01:21:34.865  
you may do so in writing

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01:21:35.165 --> 01:21:37.185  
or at the subsequent open floor hearing.

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01:21:37.685 --> 01:21:40.785  
Um, thank you very much Ms. Coleman.

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Ms. Coleman for the applicant. I won't respond in,

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in detail 'cause it's quite a detailed point

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and we have, um, and so I can, we can draw

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that out more in our, in our written response.

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But the, um, scale of the site

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and the location of the site's obviously, um, driven

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by various factors including the point of connection

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01:21:57.065 --> 01:22:00.705

and the um, grid connection generated capacity, um,

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01:22:01.035 --> 01:22:03.785

efficiency within the, that range allowed for EN three.

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So there's various factors that, um, feed into that

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and I think it's probably, um, more useful if we bring

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that out in our response.

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And we can also signpost the specific parts

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01:22:14.385 --> 01:22:16.425

of the documents like the site selection report

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01:22:17.005 --> 01:22:18.945

and, um, consideration of alternatives

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01:22:18.945 --> 01:22:20.945

and evolution of the scheme where that is brought out,

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um, more clearly.

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But, um, I understand the point,

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Sorry Mrs. Coleman, but I would just reiterate Mrs.

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Montgomery's point, the signposting I think is

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what the ips are finding quite challenging.

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Yes. If you signpost no, I realize 10,000 documents,

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01:22:35.485 --> 01:22:36.495

it's actually quite challenging

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01:22:36.495 --> 01:22:38.375

and for them to have to do all the work to find your answer,

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if you, if you could address the questions

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and make it as appreciate it's difficult

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01:22:43.895 --> 01:22:45.175

and make it as targeted for them so

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01:22:45.175 --> 01:22:46.695

that they can get an answer to their questions.

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No, that's, I think they would appreciate it and we would

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Appreciate it. No, I, I've

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definitely, um, got that point.

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01:22:51.255 --> 01:22:52.955

So we'll take that away. Thanks.

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Thank you Ms. Mr Skelton.

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01:23:01.555 --> 01:23:04.055

Hi, it's Simon Skelton, uh, local resident.

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Uh, it's a question, question for you two gentlemen. Really.

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I asked this back at the first NIP in the area

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and I got a reply from the ex A,

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but I never fully understood it.

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Basically it's about cumulative impact, especially

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visual impact landscape and visual impact.

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Um, gate Burton

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01:23:29.415 --> 01:23:33.905

and Cotton, without beating about the ball should basically

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01:23:33.905 --> 01:23:36.055

said there's no issue.

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West Burton, I don't know

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'cause we've not heard back from that one yet.

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How can you, well,

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potentially you could say there is an impact

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and it's too great and you don't

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say yes to the scheme.

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I can't understand how you could possibly say that.

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I feel the schemes have said the opposite.

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Um, so if you say it's, there's too much visual,

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there's too much cumulative impact in the area.

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Now why wouldn't that have been the case

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before the, the, the inspector has decided?

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'cause he knew, I knew all

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01:24:19.725 --> 01:24:20.925  
of the solar schemes are happening

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and he seeing the flyover, he's seeing the mockups of, of

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how much land's been taken up in one area.

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And so I'm saying is potentially cotton

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01:24:32.105 --> 01:24:33.965  
gay Byrne and West Burton

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01:24:34.065 --> 01:24:37.585  
or say no problem mate, get on with it, get it Bill.

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01:24:38.025 --> 01:24:39.505  
I can't see how you can say no.

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01:24:40.535 --> 01:24:42.105  
Yeah, I, I understand your point.

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01:24:42.365 --> 01:24:47.025  
Um, so those conclusions that were reached, um,

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01:24:47.405 --> 01:24:48.945  
in the gate burden

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01:24:48.945 --> 01:24:53.105  
and cotton recommendation reports may be relevant, unlikely

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01:24:53.125 --> 01:24:54.385  
to be relevant, um,

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01:24:56.235 --> 01:24:58.775  
to our assessment of this application.

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01:24:59.395 --> 01:25:00.975

Um, but having said that,

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01:25:01.065 --> 01:25:04.855

those conclusions were based on the evidence, uh, in front

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of those examining authorities at that time

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we're independent, um, of, of those examining authorities

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and we'll base our, uh,

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conclusions on cumulative assessment on the evidence

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before us.

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Does that answer your question?

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No, it's the same. The,

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01:25:24.985 --> 01:25:26.345

The, it's not, it's not the same

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because what I'm effectively saying is whilst they may have

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concluded, um,

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taken into account the till bridge development and,

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01:25:34.835 --> 01:25:38.815

and determined that cumulative effects are x,

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we are not bound by those conclusions

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01:25:42.845 --> 01:25:46.935

because our conclusions will be based on the evidence

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01:25:47.885 --> 01:25:50.135

submitted by the applicant and interested parties

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01:25:50.235 --> 01:25:53.945

and statutory parties, which may well be different.

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01:25:54.405 --> 01:25:55.825

You may, you may know differently,

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01:25:55.925 --> 01:25:59.375

but we, I'm not, um,

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01:26:00.325 --> 01:26:04.125

necessarily clear on exactly what evidence that the,

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01:26:04.185 --> 01:26:07.045

the other examining authorities made those conclusions on.

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01:26:07.345 --> 01:26:11.645

Our focus is gonna be the evidence submitted to us. Okay.

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So whilst the conclusions of those inspectors, um,

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may have been made already in terms of cumulative effects,

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they don't preempt

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or pre-judge any conclusions



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that we are gonna be making in terms of cumulative effects.

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And because two of those, um,

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orders have already been made,

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01:26:32.875 --> 01:26:36.645

this current application is we are probably in the strongest

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position to assess the cumulative effects of the proposals.

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01:26:42.425 --> 01:26:44.845

That's, that's the answer I have for you, sir. Yeah,

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I appreciate that.

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01:26:46.545 --> 01:26:50.935

But from day one with the first entity,

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they knew there was gonna be four in one area.

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There is actually five, but let's go for four.

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'cause of the ones on the side of the river,

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they knew there was gonna be four

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and knew also as the last one know that there's four.

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So cumulative impact should be the same,

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should be at the same weight for all projects

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and for, for, for potentially three of them to go through.

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And the last one not, which is great,

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but I, I just can't see how they can say all the,

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01:27:22.325 --> 01:27:24.505

the realize on the last one that oh yeah,

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01:27:24.505 --> 01:27:27.065

we've made a mistake, there's too many, I can't,

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I I just don't see it.

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I I know it's not your d decision at the end

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it'll be Miller Band deal.

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01:27:32.435 --> 01:27:34.305

He'll say he'll probably okay anyway.

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01:27:34.405 --> 01:27:38.865

But I just feel that you've, the president's now been set

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01:27:38.865 --> 01:27:41.945

because they knew about all four from day one

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and they can't all of a sudden say,

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01:27:43.615 --> 01:27:44.865

well we can't have four now.

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But the, the accumulative impact is based on all four

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01:27:49.525 --> 01:27:51.485

projects on all, all schemes.

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01:27:53.135 --> 01:27:55.295

I, yeah, I I completely understand what you're saying,

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but the answer I've given you is it's

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full as it's gonna get.

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Um, and the point I'm making is

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that we're not bound by those previous conclusions, um,

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as difficult as that may be to comprehend.

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Um, but

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01:28:13.515 --> 01:28:16.275

because we are focusing on the evidence in front of us,

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01:28:16.375 --> 01:28:17.635

not the evidence that was in front

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of days. So that's probably what,

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01:28:19.375 --> 01:28:21.795

That's probably what all the people have been saying.

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That's why potentially the, this,

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01:28:26.805 --> 01:28:28.945

you know, it's been slimy, sliced into four.

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If it, it's all been, you know, um, examined as one, then

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the more correct outcome would've been

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the outcome rather than at the moment it's like the last one

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has got more chance of succeeding.

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I'm not saying that's good or bad

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01:28:47.175 --> 01:28:49.535

or indifferent, I'm just saying it's, it's unfair

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01:28:49.535 --> 01:28:52.095

because the, from day one they knew there was gonna be four

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And yeah, I'll take that into account.

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01:28:56.115 --> 01:28:57.875

I take your representations into account.

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01:28:58.845 --> 01:29:01.725

Thanks. Okay, thank you.

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01:29:02.145 --> 01:29:04.485

Now before we close, is there anyone

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01:29:04.485 --> 01:29:05.525

who wants to add anything?

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01:29:10.555 --> 01:29:13.555

If you'd like to speak to the chaps at the back,

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01:29:13.555 --> 01:29:16.395

they're members of the case team, uh, far left corner,

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they'll give you the details.

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Okay? Right. I'm going to move on to close. Yes sir.

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Yes. If you could relatively brief,

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Lee Johnson, local resident, um,

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I believe from the solicitor, she says there were,

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they saw no impact on public health.

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Is that correct?

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I wouldn't like to say

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That that was in their statement. I

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Can put your, I can put that too, too. Her,

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Um, I, I can't believe there's no impact

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on it's already happening.

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Okay. And the other thing that that, uh,

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is an interesting one is they talk about the impact.

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They don't even know what the makeup

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of the people are within these villages.

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She spoke eloquently about employment

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and the rest of it, I dunno the percentage,

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but I guess it's probably 60 to 80% are retired.

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So are they running around looking for a new apprenticeship?

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I don't think so. Majority of people

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that live in these villages are there

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because the age demographics are retirement.

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Okay. Yeah. Thank you. Thank you very much.

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Ms. Coleman, would you like to come back on

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that now or in writing?

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Alexis, come with the applicant?

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Um, I can come back in writing if that please.

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Yeah, the only point to note is

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what I had said was there was no likely significant adverse

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effects, which I appreciate is a particular EIA term,

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but it obviously deals with in terms of the sort of scale.

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Um, but we will confirm that in writing.

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Okay, thank you. Obviously we've established

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that there are many points of contention between IPS and,

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and the, the applicant

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and there will be opportunities to raise those concerns, um,

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at future hearings.

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Okay. So if I move on to close the hearing now, uh,

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I would like to thank you all very much for attending today.

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Uh, we're very grateful for your time

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and we will take into account

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representations which you have made, um,

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and we'll take those views into account informing our

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recommendation to the Secretary State.

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The recording of the hearing will be published on the

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project webpage as soon as practical.

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Uh, please contact a member of the case team, the back

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of the room if you do not know how

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to find the project webpage.

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And our next action will likely be



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to issue the Rule eight letter, uh,

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which will confirm the final version of the timetable.

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Um, and that's likely to be towards the end of next week.

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So that letter itself,

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the timetable will set set out details of likely hearings

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and dates along with, uh, deadlines for written submissions.

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Okay. Do you have anything to add?

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Okay, so the time is now 1:17 PM uh,

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the open floor hearing is now closed.

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Thank you very much.